



PonderosaTelephone

July 1, 2016

Via ECFS:

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 10-90 & 11-42 Annual §54.313/54.422 Report of High-Cost and Low Income Recipient, Form 481

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herein is the annual report for The Ponderosa Telephone Co., Study Area Code 542332 pursuant to §54.313/54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please treat certain sections of this filing as confidential – Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, 14-58, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, before the Federal Communications Commission.

Please contact Dan Douglas with any questions at:

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Sincerely,

Kristann Silkwood Mattes
President

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Form 481, Section 100 Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Sub-Section 112 Narrative

The Ponderosa Telephone Co.
2016
PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2016 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. The Ponderosa Telephone Co. ("Ponderosa") submits its Progress Report on Service Quality Improvement in compliance with §54.313(a)(1).

Ponderosa understands that the environment in which it operates is dynamic, not static. As a result, certain network targets identified in its initial 5 Year Service Quality Improvement Plan filed in 2014, may be modified in response to regulatory requirements that have been subsequently adopted, the Company's financial viability in providing the required services and service quality, changes in technology, customer demand, or emergency related contingencies.

If targets are not met or have changed since the initial 5 Year Plan filing they will be identified and an explanation will be provided.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT RECEIVED IN 2015

Per the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), as available for the period up to this filing, Ponderosa received a total of \$10,897,126 in USF support funds in 2015. The breakdown of the funding to the point of filing is:

- \$6,898,996 High Cost Loop Support
- \$162,282 Connect America Fund-Intercarrier Compensation Support
- \$3,835,848 Interstate Common Line Support

Universal Service Support funds are used to: 1) maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network and, 2) cover operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband within the authorized serving area.

USF support will continue to be included in the Company's current revenue accounts and forward-looking projections. Revenues, in the aggregate, are used for both capital expenditures as well as to cover operating expenses and fixed costs incurred to obtain capital from lenders. The Company does not segregate USF separately for purposes of capital and operating expenditures; USF is expended in the same proportion as its contribution is to the Company's aggregated revenue amount.

The proportionate share of USF expenditures in 2015 to date is estimated for CAPEX to be \$3,487,080 (32%); and for OPEX to be \$7,410,046 (68%).

The projects listed in the following 2015 Progress Report are specific to those identified in Ponderosa's 5 Year Service Quality Improvement Plan designed for network improvements involving service quality, coverage and/or capacity as integrated improvement projects and the improvements are not mutually exclusive from one another. In addition to the projects identified in the 5 Year Plan, other expenditures have been made during this period for capital improvements necessary for Ponderosa to continue to meet its ongoing regulatory and customer requirements. All USF funds received were used in accordance with federal rules and regulations towards improving service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity.

PROGRESS REPORT

Maps by wire center detailing Ponderosa's progress towards meeting its 2015 Service Quality Improvement Plan are included as part of this filing. Wire center maps are not provided if there is no information to report. The following provides additional information on the progress by wire center:

Friant Wire Center:

Total 5 Year Plan Project Investment to Date: \$1,932,146

Fiber Investment - \$1,246,463

Of the six fiber backhaul projects one project is complete, two projects are ready for construction awaiting USFS permit approval, one project design is complete pending a joint pole agreement with the power company and a state permit, and two projects have a completed design and are pending environmental approval from the California Public Utilities Commission. The FTTH project design is complete and is pending final right-of-way approval and also environmental approval from the California Public Utilities Commission. The delays in constructing the projects are the result of the additional time federal or state agencies require to approve permits or environmental impacts. While we build estimated timeframes into our construction plans for these approvals, we are not always able to accurately predict when we will receive these approvals in order to begin construction. While we did not receive approvals necessary for construction on these projects, we were able to construct two 2016 5 Year Plan fiber backhaul projects, and also began design work on a 2018 5 Year Plan FTTH project due to customer demand.

Broadband Aggregations Investment - \$181,894

This project to replace end-of-life routers is complete.

Microwave Radio Backhaul - \$26,599

The design for the project to replace end-of-life microwave radios is in progress awaiting final tower construction and coordination with the tower owners. This project was delayed pending construction of a new tower by one of the tower owners. The owner was not able to complete the tower construction before winter snow season.

Upgrade Existing DLCs - \$395,122

The DLC upgrade projects are complete.

Install New BLC Sites - \$82,068

The two new BLC sites are complete. There are also two new BLC sites from the 2016 5 Year Plan that have been designed and are pending construction.

Additional Investments - \$4,091,482

Additional investment amount for routine projects, new projects, and carry in projects from the prior year (includes amounts from prior year) completed during the 2015 5 Year Plan year.

Cima Wire Center:

No 5 Year Plan projects were planned in 2015.

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The Ponderosa Telephone Co. 542332

**Friant Wire Center –Form 481, Section 100, Sub-Section 113 - Map
2016 Progress Report**

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June 30, 2016

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Form 481, Section 300 Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)
Sub-Section 310 Detail on Attempts

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Form 481, Section 300 Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)
Sub-Section 320 Detail on Attempts

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June 27, 2016

Form 481, Section 500 Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance
Sub-Section 510 Narrative (Voice)

Service Quality Standards

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. ("Ponderosa") is committed to providing the highest quality service to its subscribers and makes every reasonable effort to comply with applicable service quality standards in accordance with the California Public Utilities Commission, General Order 133-C. Ponderosa provides reports and raw data to the California PUC on a quarterly basis as required by G.O. 133-C and has not had to file any corrective action reports.

Consumer Protection

Ponderosa complies with the requirements of 47 CFR Part 64 Subpart U, Customer Proprietary Network Information and the Federal Trade Commission's ("FTC") Red Flag Rules 16 C.F.R. §681 to prevent identity theft. A manual for each of those programs is in place and is part of the employees' handbook. All company employees are required to sign and acknowledge that they have completed CPNI and Red Flag training and understand obligations to adherence of applicable rules. Ponderosa has not experienced any CPNI breaches in the year ending 2015.

Ponderosa also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Ponderosa offers service in its Local Exchange Tariff. The tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Ponderosa keeps its tariffs available for public inspection at its business offices.

Form 481, Section 500 Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance
Sub-Section 510 Narrative (Broadband)

Service Quality Standards

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. ("Ponderosa"), is committed to providing the highest quality service to its subscribers and makes every reasonable effort to comply with applicable service quality standards in accordance with State and Federal Rules.

Consumer Protection

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(5) and or 47 C.F.R. § 54.422(b)(3) Ponderosa is in compliance with applicable FCC Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules.

Ponderosa also outlines its rates, terms, and conditions under which Ponderosa offers Broadband service in NECA Tariff #5 to Internet Service Providers ("ISP"). The Tariff explains customer rights and obligations, customer service, dispute resolution, deposits, billing and payment options, disconnection of service as well as cancellation of service options. Public inspection of NECA Tariff #5 can be found on NECA's website. Retail DSL rates, terms, and conditions for retail services are provided by the ISP.

Form 481, Section 600 Functionality in Emergency Situations

Sub-Section 610 Narrative (Voice)

Back-up Power

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has the following back-up power capabilities:

- a. Switches – stand alone and/or host
 - i. “Friant” Central Office: 125 KW Diesel Generator, 250 gallon capacity, 3 hours, 8 hour back-up battery
 - ii. “Cima” Central Office: 45KW Propane Generator, 500 gallon capacity
- b. Subscriber carrier (DLC, AFC, OPM, etc.)

	EXCH	LOCATION	SITE	GEN KW	FUEL / Type	FUEL CAPACITY	Estima ted Run Time (Hrs)	Estima ted Battery Reserv e (Hrs)
1	SVLK	LINSON LANE	LNSN	RPG	PORTABLE	5	10	8
2	SVLK	RIDGE ROAD	RGRD	LINE PWR FROM WDFL	PROPANE	COMMUNIT Y METERED	N/A	8
3	SVLK	SOLITUDE	SLTD	RPG	PORTABLE	5	10	8
4	BGCK	CAMP SIERRA	CMPS	RPG	PORTABLE	5	10	8
5	ABRY	AUBERRY CO	ABRY	85	Diesel	250	87	8
6	FRNT	FRIANT CO	FRNTCAXFDS0	125	Diesel	250	42	8
7	ONLS	O'NEALS CO	ONLS	150	Diesel	250	42	8
8	SVLK	SHAVER LAKE CO	SVLK	155	Diesel	500	84	8
9	ABRY	BURROUGH VALLEY	BRVL	20	Propane	500	250	8
10	ABRY	MEADOW LAKES	MDLK	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8
11	ABRY	PRATHER	PRAT	11	Propane	50	34	8
12	ABRY	SIERRA HIGH	SRHS	11	Propane	50	34	8
13	ABRY	SIERRA ELEMENTARY	SRLM	11	Propane	50	34	8
14	BGCK	BIG CREEK CO	BGCK	29	Propane	250	125	8
15	BGCK	DOWVILLE	DWVL	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8
16	BGCK	HUCKLEBERRY	HCKB	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8
17	CIMA	CIMA CO	CIMACAXFDS0	45	Propane	500	167	8
18	FRNT	TABLE MOUNTAIN	TMTN	8.5	Propane	50	50	8
19	NFRK	CASCADEL	CSDL	11	Propane	50	34	8
20	NFRK	GOAT MTN	GMTN	130	Propane	1000	250	8
21	NFRK	NORTH FORK CO	NFRK	45	Propane	250	84	8
22	ONLS	MERCER MT	MRMT	45	Propane	250	84	8
23	SVLK	BRETZ MOUNTAIN	BRMT	25	Propane	Metered	N/A	8
24	SVLK	EXCHEQUER	EXCK	25	Propane	500	250	8
25	SVLK	MUSICK MTN	MUSK	60	Propane	2000	500	8
26	SVLK	WILDFLOWER #1	WDFC	11	Propane	Metered	N/A	8
27	ABRY	ALDER SPRINGS	ALSP	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8
28	ABRY	BEAL FIRE ROAD	BLFR	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL	72	8

	EXCH	LOCATION	SITE	GEN KW	FUEL / Type	FUEL CAPACITY	Estimated Run Time (Hrs)	Estimated Battery Reserve (Hrs)
29	ABRY	ACORN	ACRN	LINE PWR FROM BLFR	H Fuel Cell @ BLFR	6CYL	72	8
30	ABRY	COUNTRY OAK LANE	CNTK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
31	ABRY	HIDDEN HOLLOW	HHLW	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
32	ABRY	JOSE BASIN	JSBS	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
33	ABRY	LOCKWOOD LANE	LKWD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
34	ABRY	LOWER BEAL	LBFR	LINE PWR FROM BLFR	H Fuel Cell @ BLFR	6 CYL	72	8
35	ABRY	LYNX LANE	LYNX	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
36	ABRY	MEDFORD	MFRD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
37	ABRY	MORGAN CANYON	MGCN	1.2	H Fuel Cell	12 CYL	72	8
38	ABRY	POWERHOUSE # 3	PWHS	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
39	ABRY	SYCAMORE	SCMR	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
40	ABRY	SEMINOLE	SMNL	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
41	ABRY	SMALLEY	SMLL	RPG	Portable Gen			
42	ABRY	SPEARHEAD	SPHD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
43	ABRY	TRIMMER	TRMR	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
44	ABRY	WISH-I-AH	WSHH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
45	ABRY	WATTS VALLEY	WTVL	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
46	BGCK	SIERRA SUMMIT	SSMT	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
47	BGCK	TAMARACK ESTATES	TMRK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
48	FRNT	HIDDEN LAKES	HDLK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
49	FRNT	LONESTAR	LNST	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
50	FRNT	LOST LAKE	LTLK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
51	FRNT	SKY HARBOUR	SKHB	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
52	FRNT	TWENTY-TWO MILE HSE	TTMH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
53	NFRK	CORRINE LAKE	CRLK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
54	NFRK	DOUGLAS STATION	DSTN	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
55	NFRK	INDIAN CREEK	INCK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
56	NFRK	KELLER	KLLR	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
57	NFRK	KERCKOFF	KRCK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
58	NFRK	MARINA VIEW	MNVW	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
59	NFRK	NORTH FORK TECH CENTER	NFTC	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
60	NFRK	REDINGER LAKE	RDLK	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
61	NFRK	TEAFORD	TFRD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
62	NFRK	TU-NOBI WAY	TNBW	LINE PWR FROM NFRK	45KW	250	84	8
63	NFRK	RAINBOW	RNBW	LINE PWR FROM NFRK CO	45KW	250	84	8

64	NFRK	THUNDER WAY	THND	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
65	ONLS	BLACKHAWK	BLKH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
66	ONLS	BUTTERFIELD	BTFD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
67	ONLS	FINE GOLD TRUST	FNGT	LINE PWR FROM RRCH	RPG	5	10	8
68	ONLS	GRAHAM	GRHM	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
69	ONLS	RED TAIL	RDTL	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
70	ONLS	RYAN RANCH	RRCH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
71	ONLS	SIERRA OAKS	SRKS	LINE PWR FROM RDTL	RPG	5	10	8
72	ONLS	SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL	SPVS	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
73	ONLS	VORTAC-FAA	VRTC	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
74	SVLK	WOODLAND LANE	WDLN	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
75	ABRY	BIG SANDY	BGSD	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
76	ABRY	BALD MOUNTAIN	BLMT	4	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
77	ABRY	BLACK MOUNTAIN BURROUGH VALLEY N.	BLKM	LINE PWR FROM SRHS	11KW	50	72	8
78	ABRY		BRVN	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
79	ABRY	CALKINS ROAD	CLKN	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
80	ABRY	CANAL ROAD	CNRD	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
81	ABRY	MARSHALL STATION	MSTN	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
82	ABRY	OLD RANCH PARK	OLDR	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
83	ABRY	ROCKHILL	RKHL	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
84	ABRY	SILVER OAK	SLVR	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
85	ABRY	SPREADING OAK NORTH	SPRD	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
86	ABRY	TOLLHOUSE	TLHS	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
87	ABRY	TERESA SPRINGS	TRSP	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
88	ABRY	WEIMILLER ROAD	WMLR	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
89	BGCK	LAKE SHORE	LASH	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
90	BGCK	SUNSET POINT	SSPT	N/A	Passive	N/A	N/A	N/A
91	FRNT	BELLVIEW	BLVW	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
92	FRNT	BONADELLE WEST	BNDW	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
93	FRNT	MIRABELLA	MRBL	2.5	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
94	NFRK	BASS LAKE ANNEX	BLKA	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
95	NFRK	BASS FORK	BSFK	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
96	NFRK	MARANANTHA	MNTH	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
97	NFRK	OLD TOWN	OLDT	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
98	NFRK	SIERRA HIGHLAND	SLND	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
99	NFRK	WILCOX ROAD	WLCX	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
100	NFRK	WILEY RANCH	WLRH	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
101	ONLS	BLUEBIRD WAY	BBRD	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8

102	ONLS	EXPERIMENTAL RANGE	EXPR	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
103	ONLS	FINEGOLD BRIDGE	FGBR	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
104	ONLS	MINARETS HIGH SCH,	MNHS	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
105	ONLS	SPRING VALLEY	SPVL	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
106	SVLK	CRESSMAN	CRES	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
107	SVLK	LINSON LANE	LNSN	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	8
108	SVLK	LOWER CRESSMAN	LCRS		Line PWR CRES			
109	SVLK	LOWER PETERSON ROAD	LPRD	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
110	SVLK	PINERIDGE	PNRG	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
111	SVLK	SHAVER POINT	SVPT	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
112	SVLK	SHAVER SPRINGS	SVSP	1.2	H Fuel Cell	6 CYL.	72	8
113	CIMA	FOURTH OF JULY CANYON	FJLY	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
114	CIMA	FENNER/ESSEX	FNNR	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
115	CIMA	HOLE N THE WALL	HWLL	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
116	CIMA	MIDHILLS	MDHL	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
117	CIMA	MITCHELL CAVERNS	MTCH	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
118	CIMA	ROUND VALLEY	RDVL	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
119	NFRK	LIONS POINT	LNPT	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
120	SVLK	HOGUE APPLE RANCH	HGRH	RPG	Portable Gen	5	10	240
121	SVLK	KINSMAN	KSMN	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240
122	SVLK	MINARETS WORK STATION	MNRT	SOLAR	Portable Gen	5	10	240

c. Network Interface Devices (NIDs)

- i. Ponderosa Telephone Co. has 9557 customer locations with metallic (copper) connections to the Central Office and their NIDs are powered at the Central Office.
- ii. Ponderosa Telephone Co. has 44 customer locations with non-metallic (fiber optic) connections to the Central Office. These customers' NIDs are battery powered in case of emergency. The batteries are rated to last 8 hours with constant use.

Ability to reroute traffic around damaged facilities:

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has built fiber optic ring redundant facilities between its exchanges (ONLS/FRNT/NFRK/ABRY/SVLK), redundant fiber facilities to Big Creek, and fiber ring facilities between Ponderosa, connecting carriers, and toll tandem. This redundant facility is in the form of a SONET ring with alternate physical facilities between The Ponderosa Telephone Co. and connecting carriers, its interconnection to the Public Switched Telephone Network.

Capability to manage traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has 11244 customer lines, switching capacity of 20,000 simultaneous calls, and transport capacity for 863 simultaneous calls from the FRNT CO; 93 customer lines, switching capacity of 10,000 calls and transport capacity for 18 simultaneous calls from the CIMA

CO. The Ponderosa Telephone Co. is capable of managing traffic spikes within its own network resulting from emergency situations.

Form 481, Section 600 Functionality in Emergency Situations Sub-Section 610 Narrative (Broadband)

The Ponderosa broadband network DSLAM's are connected via a fiber ring topology. In most cases the transport traffic path is diverse and at a minimum there is card redundancy in the electronics in the event of a fiber cut or electronic card failure. The network is self-powered and can withstand on average a commercial power outage of 12 hours. Bandwidth out of the wire center is diverse and currently can accommodate up to 3.5 Gbps of peak internet traffic. This network could withstand a power outage, electronic failure and fiber cut.

Form 481, Section 900 Tribal Lands Reporting

Sub-Sections 920 - 923 Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

The Ponderosa Telephone Co. has written to each of the chairperson(s) that represent the Tribal entities located in Ponderosa serving area, requesting a meeting to discuss how Ponderosa could better service the Tribe's telecommunications needs. Ponderosa received an e-mail response from one such Tribal entity and from there a meeting date was arranged. In the first week of January, 2015 a meeting was conducted between various members of the Ponderosa management team and representatives of the Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians Tribal Council to discuss a range of topics centered on telecommunications.

Copies of correspondence and associated notes from the January meeting are attached.

Ponderosa's communication with the Tribes is consistent with our general customer communication. In addition, Ponderosa has engaged with Tribal entities in support of Tribal functions and fundraisers.

Sub-Sections 924 - 928 Rights of way processes, land use permitting, facilities siting, environmental and cultural preservation review processes.

Copies of several Right of way authorizations are provided as an example of Ponderosa's compliance with this sub-section 924. In addition, attached is a copy of a typical USFS special use permit that lists the operating requirements Ponderosa would be obligated to follow in the situation where Tribal land is impacted by a project.

To the extent construction activity takes place on Tribal land, Ponderosa follows the rules and regulations, processes and procedures, as identified in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 25, Part 169, and those that may be required by the following entities: Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Forest Service, and other local Tribal authorities. Ponderosa is not aware of any violations with regards to activities addressed under sub-sections 925 - 928.

Sub-Section 929 Tribal Business and Licensing requirements

Ponderosa provides service within the serving area, including Tribal lands, as authorized by our CPCN issued by the California Public Utilities Commission. Ponderosa is not aware of any additional Tribal business or licensing requirements that may exist as a condition to conduct business with the Tribal authorities located in Ponderosa serving area.

Linda Roller

From: Matt Boos
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 11:41 AM
To: 'Liz Kipp'
Cc: 'Sharon Carter'; 'Gina Riley'; 'Miles Baty'; 'Patricia Soto'; 'Sharon Baty-Simpson'
Subject: RE: Big Sandy Rancheria

Thank you, Liz. See you then. Matt

From: Liz Kipp [<mailto:LKipp@bsrnation.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:53 AM
To: Matt Boos
Cc: Sharon Carter; Gina Riley; Miles Baty; Patricia Soto; Sharon Baty-Simpson
Subject: RE: Big Sandy Rancheria

Sounds good, 2:00 pm, on the 8th. meet at the Tribal Office- 37387 Auberry Mission Rd, Auberry CA 93602, (located in the large gym- aka, Multipurpose Bldg.).

From: Matt Boos [<mailto:mjboos@ponderosatel.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 10:04 AM
To: Liz Kipp
Cc: Sharon Carter; Gina Riley; Miles Baty; Patricia Soto; Sharon Baty-Simpson
Subject: RE: Big Sandy Rancheria

Thursday the 8th at 2pm will work for us, Liz. I will be there along Dan Douglas, our Financial Director, and Eric Vargas, our Customer Operations Director. Please let me know where you would like us to meet you. We look forward to seeing you. Thank you. Matt, 868-6322

From: Liz Kipp [<mailto:LKipp@bsrnation.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 9:16 AM
To: Matt Boos
Cc: Sharon Carter; Gina Riley; Miles Baty; Patricia Soto; Sharon Baty-Simpson
Subject: RE: Big Sandy Rancheria

I apologize, I just returned to the office, tomorrow the 7th, is a bit too soon, to check on everyone schedule. I can make the 8th work, if we can schedule in the afternoon 2:00-4:00 pm. If for any reason, this time frame does not work, we can work on another date after the 23rd.

From: Matt Boos [<mailto:mjboos@ponderosatel.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 05, 2015 2:18 PM
To: Liz Kipp
Cc: Sharon Carter; Gina Riley; Miles Baty; Patricia Soto; Sharon Baty-Simpson
Subject: RE: Big Sandy Rancheria

Good afternoon, Liz. Does the 7th or 8th work for you and your staff? Due to schedules, these are the only available dates the next two weeks. If either of these dates work, please let me know which day and your preferred meeting time. If these dates don't work, the next available dates are after January 23, 2015 and I will have to get back to you in the next day or two with some additional options. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you. Matt, 868-6322

From: Liz Kipp [mailto:LKipp@bsrnation.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 31, 2014 2:05 PM
To: Matt Boos
Cc: Sharon Carter; Gina Riley; Miles Baty; Patricia Soto; Sharon Baty-Simpson
Subject: Big Sandy Rancheria

Hi Matthew, I wanted to send you that I am in receipt of your letter, requesting a meeting to start a conversation of accomplishing some specific items, outlined; Needs assessment and planning to anchor institutions, Feasibility and sustainability planning, Rights of Way, permitting, licensing, facility placement, environmental and cultural preservation processes and Development of culturally sensitive marketing materials to our members. If you would be so kind and forward to me some dates of your availability (2-3 dates) and we can go from there and schedule. Hope you have a great day, and we look forward to meeting with you.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth D. Hutchins-Kipp

Tribal Chairperson
Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California

lkipp@bsrnation.com

P.O. Box 337
37387 Auberry Mission Rd
Auberry, California 93602

***PLEASE NOTE NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR BIG SANDY RANCHERIA**

***559-374-0066 Office**

***559-374-0055 Fax**



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November 14, 2014

Ms. Elizabeth Kipp, Chairperson
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians
P.O. Box 337
Auberry, CA 93602-0337

Dear Ms. Kipp,

My name is Matthew Boos, General Manager of Ponderosa Telephone, and I am writing to request a meeting with you. As technology needs change, Ponderosa wants to be in a position to serve Big Sandy Rancheria. While we hope we have been successfully servicing your telecommunications needs, the Federal Communications Commission has asked us to review a few specific items with you to insure we are accomplishing our mutual goals. To this end, we would like to have this first discussion with you.

We suggest the following topics as a starting point for our conversation:

- Needs assessment and planning to your anchor institutions,
- Feasibility and sustainability planning,
- Rights of way, permitting, licensing, facility placement, environmental and cultural preservation processes, and
- Development of culturally sensitive marketing materials to your members

I look forward to your reply. You may contact me directly via telephone at 559.868.6322 or via email at mjboos@ponderosatel.com to schedule a time to meet.

Best regards,

Matthew J. Boos
General Manager

Executive Office

(t) 559.868.6000

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O'Neals, CA 93645

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June 30, 2016

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Memorandum

Date: January 8, 2015
To: File
From: Matthew Boos
Re: Big Sandy Rancheria Meeting
cc: Dan, Eric, Linda

Dan, Eric and I met with the Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians Tribal Council on January 8, 2015 at 2pm. In attendance was the Tribal Council, including Chair Elizabeth Kipp, Patricia Soto, Regina Riley, Miles Baty and Sharon Carter, Tribal Administrator. The Council did not provide an agenda; however, we spoke about a wide range of topics centered on communications services including broadband, voice and planning and agreed to follow up with each other regarding several items:

- The Rancheria is planning for residential development in the northern area of the Rancheria, with plans for about 20 homes beginning in a few years. The Rancheria still needs water and sewer for the development. Ponderosa asked the Council to keep us in mind as the development progresses so that we can provide all of the communications services on a timely basis, including necessary rights of way. The Council reported that they have no existing right of way issues with Ponderosa.
- Ponderosa explained the availability and benefits of lifeline and tribal discounts to those members with low incomes.
- Ponderosa offered to provide tribal members various training options geared toward computer and internet literacy/terminology.
- The Council reviewed their planned casino expansion with Ponderosa. They explained that it will be similar to the Chukchansi complex, with a hotel and large gaming facility near the intersection of Auberry and Millerton Roads. The Council noted that their Draft Environmental Impact Statement is on their website and includes the planned location of the complex. The Council believes any progress on the complex is at least two years away. The parties also talked about the communications needs of the complex; Ponderosa suggested a communications room be part of the building plans to accommodate the services it provides.
 - The Council also briefly talked about its desire to expand by purchasing additional non-tribal land in the valley, but that any such purchase is at least five to ten years down the road.

Communications for Life

- Ponderosa offered to provide marketing that is tailored to the tribal members and the parties discussed billing inserts and tribal newsletters as options for this marketing material.
- Ponderosa also discussed sponsorships and donations that it makes from time to time within the communities it serves and encouraged the Rancheria to contact the Company about any possible sponsorship and/or donation opportunities.
- Ponderosa also indicated that it has used computers and furniture from time to time and the Council responded that they would be interested in any donations of this equipment for its members and offices.

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COLD SPRINGS TRIBE

P.O. BOX 209

32535 SYCAMORE RD.

TOLLHOUSE, CA 93667

Bus. (559) 855-5043 or (559) 855-4443

Fax (559) 855-4445

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2078

NOVEMBER 10, 1914

RESOLUTION 2004-005 AUTHORIZATION TO PONDEROSA TELEPHONE COMPANY LAY A FIBEROPTIC LINE ON COLD SPRINGS RANCHERIA

WHEREAS, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBE IS A SOVEREIGN TRIBE RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, AND IS LOCATED IN MENDOCINO COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND;

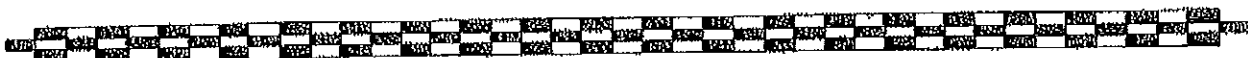
WHEREAS, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBE IS IN NEED OF TELEPHONE UPGRADED SERVICE ON THE RANCHERIA TO PROMOTE ITS INTERESTS AND FURTHER THE AIMS AND ACTIVITIES OF ITS MEMBERS, AND;

WHEREAS, THE PONDEROSA TELEPHONE COMPANY IS IN NEED OF PLACING A FIBER OPTIC CABLE AND CONDUIT SYSTEM WITHIN THE COLD SPRINGS RANCHERIA THAT WILL UPGRADE ITS PRESENT ELECTRONIC SITE; AND,

WHEREAS, THE PROPOSED ROUTE WILL FOLLOW THE PATH OF AN EXISTING BURIED CABLE ROUTE THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED MANY YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN IN CONTINUAL USE SINCE.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBAL COUNCIL HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TRIBAL CHAIRPERSON TO NEGOTIATE, AND ENTER INTO LICENSES WITH RESPECT TO TRIBAL LAND; AND,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBAL COUNCIL GIVES THEIR AUTHORIZATION TO PONDEROSA PHONE COMPANY TO UPGRADE EXISTING TELEPHONE LINES UNTIL SUCH TIME THE DESIGNATED UPGRADES ARE COMPLETE.





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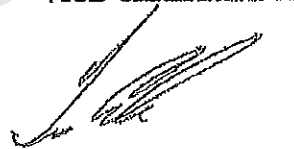
WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, AS THE ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE COLD SPRINGS MONO TRIBE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION ADOPTED JUNE 5, 2004 AT A REGULAR MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING WHERE A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

VOTE: 5 FOR, 0, AGAINST, 0, ABSTAINED


JENNIFER PHILLEY
CHAIRPERSON


CAROL BILL
VICE-CHAIRPERSON


CAROL EDD
SECRETARY/TREASURER


TRAVIS COLEMAN
COUNCIL MEMBER


SHEILA EDD
COUNCIL MEMBER


RICK HUNTER
COUNCIL MEMBER



COLD SPRINGS TRIBE

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TRIBAL PROGRAMS

FILED BY *[Signature]* 6-13-86

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TOLLHOUSE, CALIF. 93667
209 855-2326

RESOLUTION NO. 86-19
RIGHT OF WAY FOR UTILITIES

- WHEREAS: The Cold Springs Tribal Council is recognized by the United States of America as the governing body of the Cold Springs reservation; and,
- WHEREAS: The Cold Springs Tribal Council has joined the Indian Housing Authority of Central California in order to provide safe, sanitary and decent housing for its members; and,
- WHEREAS: The Cold Springs Tribal Council has been awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to build 19+18 (37) homes on the Reservation to provide housing to tribal members under HUD housing projects, and,
- WHEREAS: In order to provide drinking water, electricity, telephone, natural gas and cable television to the proposed Cold Springs/ IHACC Housing Projects, it is necessary to approve rights-of-way to the utility companies providing the above listed services; and,
- WHEREAS: The utility companies need to come on the Cold Springs Reservation for the purpose of conducting surveys so they can make formal application to the Cold Springs Tribal Council and Bureau of Indian Affairs for a formal right-of-way across the Reservation.
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: 1. That the Bureau of Indian Affairs initiate the application process for the utility companies providing services to the Cold Springs Housing Projects.
2. That the utility companies are authorized to enter upon or pass across the lands of the Cold Springs Indian Reservation for the purpose of conducting a preliminary planning and design of said utility extensions to serve the proposed Housing projects. This includes but is not limited to soils testing, site evaluations, and surveying.
3. That, as the proposed rights-of-ways are for the sole benefit of the Cold Springs Indian Reservation, that the

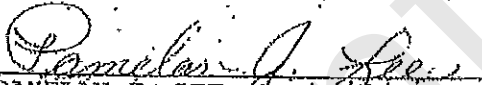


requirements of Title 25, Section 169.12 and Section 169.14 of the Code of Federal Regulations be waived. Said requirements regard payments and/or deposits for consideration for the right-of-way, severance damages, damages caused during the survey, and estimated damages as a result of construction. Provided however, this waiver is limited to the right-of-way application process with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and shall not be valid for any other documents relating to the extension of utilities to the proposed Cold Springs Housing Projects. Provided further, that nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to limit the right of the Cold Springs Tribe from suing in a court of competent jurisdiction the utility companies for any damages they cause on the Cold Springs Indian Reservation arising from their conducting of preliminary planning and design of the utility the utility companies to come on the reservation to survey and do planning design so they can apply for said right-of-way.

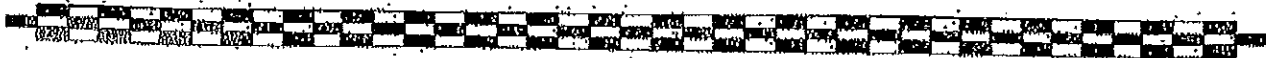
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We, the undersigned, as elected officers of the Cold Springs Reservation do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a duly called meeting on June 12, 1986.

VOTE 4 (FOR) 0 (AGAINST) 0 (ABSTAIN)


PAMELAN J. LEE, Secty/Treasurer


FRANK J. LEE, Chairman



CHARLIE DICK
SAC-63

SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Ponderosa Telephone Company, P. O. Box 21, O'Neals, California 93645,
its successors and assigns, hereafter termed "Applicant", has been requested to extend
Telephone Service to the residence of Gloria and Tom Walker, hereinafter termed "Authorized
Occupant", who is the owner or legally authorized occupant or lessee of a tract of trust land
identified and described as follows:

Within the SE1/4NW1/4 of Section 06,
Township 08 South, Range 23 East,
Mount Diablo Base Meridian,

County of Madera, State of California, and

WHEREAS, the location of service line required to serve the above described property, and its
extent, is more particularly shown and delineated on the attached plat marked "Exhibit A",
which has been prepared in accordance with 25 CFR 169.22, and which by this reference is
made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the regulations of 25 CFR 169.22, provide that an agreement shall be entered into
by and between the landowner or a legally authorized occupant or lessee of the land and the
Applicant before any work by the Applicant may be undertaken to construct a service line
across such land; and

WHEREAS, those regulations further provide that a service line shall be for the sole purpose
of supplying the owner or authorized occupant or lessee of land, including schools and
churches, with roads, telephone, water, electric power, gas or other utilities for use by such
owner, occupant or lessee of the land on the premises.

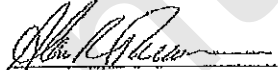
Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed that in consideration of the Applicant furnishing a buried
telephone cable, pedestals and appurtenances to the within described property, the authorized
occupant hereby grants permission to Applicant to construct a service line on and across the
said property without the payment of any monetary compensation for damages. Applicant
agrees to comply with all the requirements of 25 CFR 169.22.

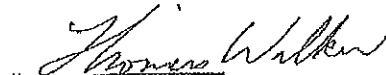
This Agreement is in the nature of a license, revocable at any time at the sole option of the Authorized occupants, and conveys no interest in the land traversed whatsoever.

OWNER


APPLICANT


GLORIA WALKER


Authorized Representative of
PONDEROSA TELEPHONE


THOMAS WALKER

Approved By and Filed with the
Superintendent, on this
day of AUG 25, 1998.


Acting Superintendent
Central California Agency

"Approved pursuant to the authority delegated by 209 DM2, Secretary's Order Nos. 3150 and 3177, and 10 BIAM Bulletin 13, as amended, and the Addendum to 10 BIAM and Sacramento Area Office Redlegation Order No. 1, (43 F.R. 50131)."

OWNER.

APPLICANT

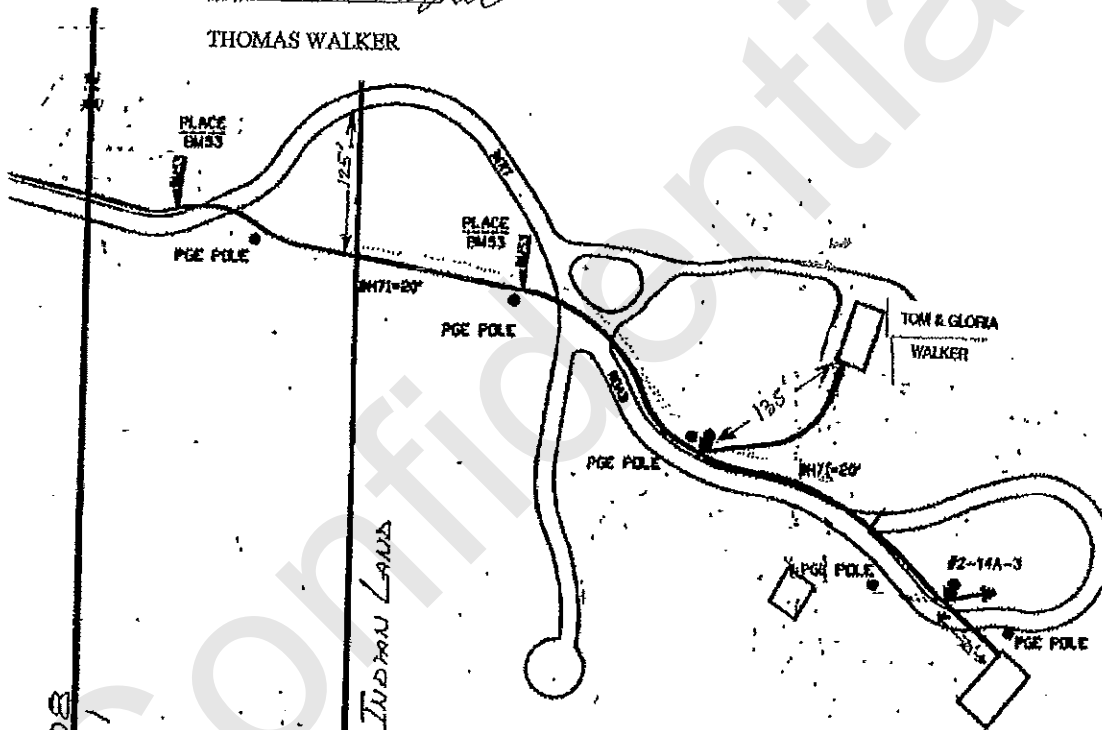
Gloria Walker

GLORIA WALKER

Authorized Representative
Ponderosa Telephone

Thomas Walker

THOMAS WALKER



PRIVATE APN 61-071-08
USFS APN 61-071-01

USFS APN 61-071-01
CHARLIE DICK ALLOTMENT INDIAN LANDS

APPROXIMATELY 610 FT. MAIN LINE CABLE
APPROXIMATELY 135 FT. SERVICE DROP TO WALKER



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

BUREAU INDIAN AFFAIRS

Central California Agency
1824 Tribute Road, Suite J
Sacramento, CA 95815-4308

IN REPLY REFER TO

REM
Big Sandy
374/101

Jake Ashworth
Ponderosa Telephone Company
P.O. Box 21
O'Neals, California 93645

AUG 3 1993



Dear Mr. Ashworth:

Enclosed is a copy of the approved Service Line Agreement for Big Sandy Rancheria at the address 8134 Table Mountain Road. This is located on Big Sandy Tribal Allotment T1094 and is a portion known as parcel 14, of Section 4, Township 10 South, Range 23 East, MDM., and is shown on "Exhibit B and C". A copy of the Tribal Resolution Number 93-02 for this action is also enclosed.

This will serve as your documentation to connect service to Big Sandy Tribal Building, in accordance with the drawings (Exhibits B and C) submitted and also a part of the agreement. This service line will be kept on file at this Agency and will become a part of the permanent record as a valid agreement regarding this property. Exhibit A, which is similar to Exhibit B, due to its size, will be retained at this office and is available for review upon request.

By copy of this letter and same information, we are notifying Big Sandy Rancheria of the action taken by this office, at this time.

If you have further questions regarding this matter, you may contact Jamie Thomas, Realty Specialist, at (916) 978-4343.

Sincerely,

Harold M. Brafford
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Jeannette Sample, Chairperson, Big Sandy Rancheria, P.O. Box 337,
Auberry, California 93602

COPY

Allottee Big Sandy Rancheria

Allotment No. Tribal 506-T1094

Agreement No. 374/101

SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, The Ponderosa Telephone Co., of P.O. Box 21,
O'Neals, CA 93645, its successors and assigns, hereinafter
termed "Applicant," has been requested to extend telephone
service to, The Big Sandy Rancheria, hereinafter termed
"Authorized Occupant", who is the owner or legally authorized
occupant or lessee of a tract of trust land identified and
described as follows:

That portion of Township 10 South, Range 23 East, Section 4, MDB&M, con-
sisting of 2.82⁺ acres, APN 128-382-06T, also known as parcel 14,

Also highlighted on map entitled "Exhibit A", which is a part of this
service line agreement, and shown on "Exhibit's B and C which are also
a part of this service line agreement,

County of Fresno, State of California, and

WHEREAS, the location of the service line required to serve the
above described property, and its extent, is more particularly
shown and delineated on the attached plat marked "Exhibit A,"
which has been prepared in accordance with 25 CFR 169.22, and
which by this reference is made a part hereof and

WHEREAS, the regulations of 25 CFR 169.22, provide that an
agreement shall be entered into by and between the landowner or a
legally authorized occupant or lessee of the land and the
applicant before any work by the applicant may be undertaken to
construct a service line across such land; and

SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT/PAGE 2

WHEREAS, those regulations further provide that a service line shall be for the sole purpose of supplying the owner or authorized occupant or lessee of land, including schools and churches, with roads, telephone, water, electric power, gas or other utilities for use by such owner, occupant or lessee of the land on the premises.

Now, therefore, it is hereby agreed that in consideration of the applicant furnishing telephone service to the within described property, the authorized occupant hereby grants permission to applicant to construct a service line on and across the said property without the payment of any monetary compensation for damages. Applicant agrees to comply with all the requirements of 25 CFR 169.22.

This Agreement is in the nature of a license, revocable at any time at the sole option of the Authorized Occupant, and conveys no interest in the land traversed whatsoever.

OWNER OR LESSEE

Jamette L. Sample, Chairman
Authorized Representative of
The Big Sandy Rancheria.

APPLICANT

John Ashworth, R/W AGENT
Authorized Representative of
The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

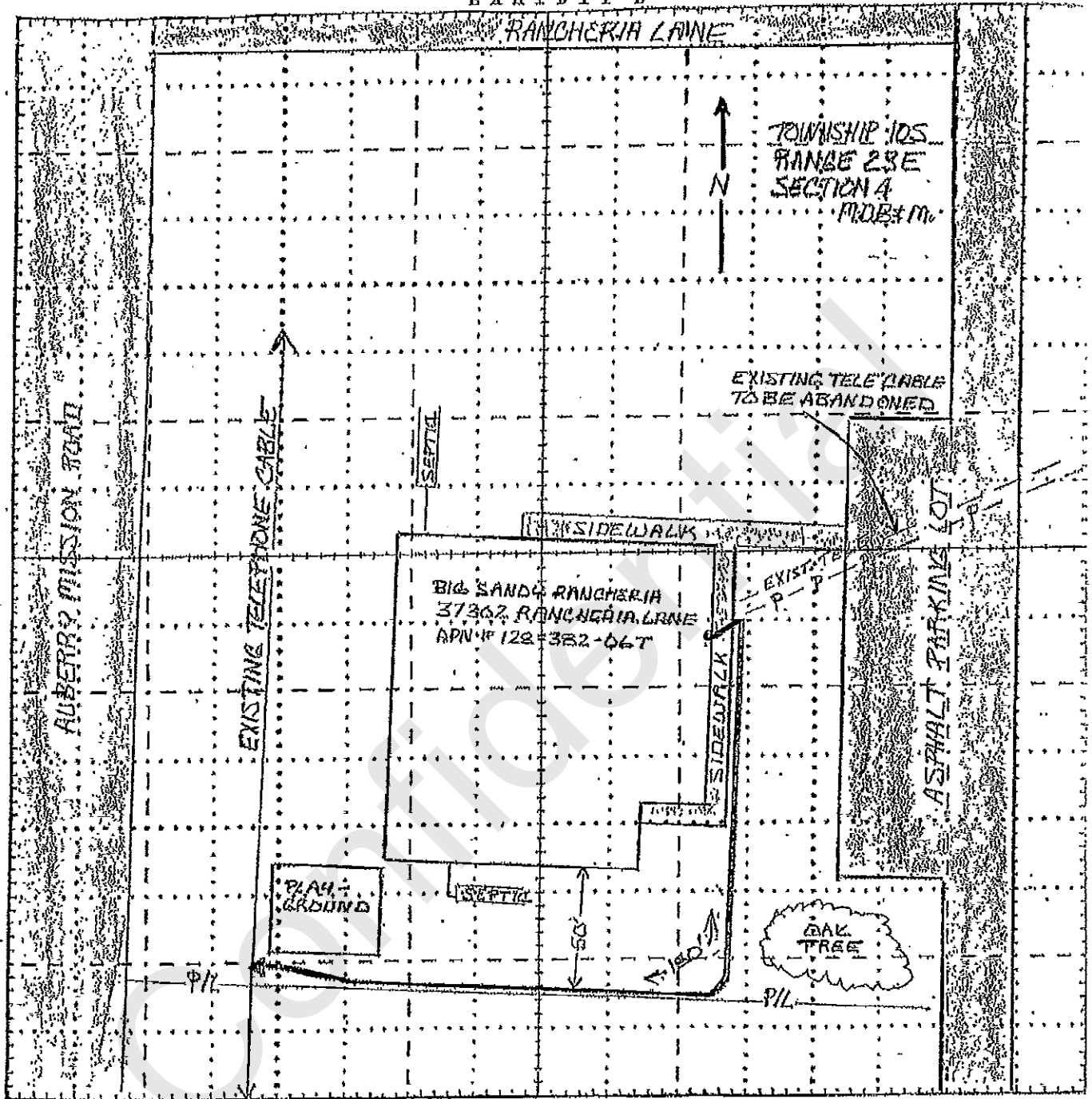
Approved By and Filed with
Superintendent, on this

2nd day of August, 1993

Harold M. Brannon
Superintendent Aug 02

"Approved pursuant to the authority delegated by 209 DM 8, Secretary's Order No. 3150, as amended, and 10 BIAM Bulletin 13, as amended, and Sacramento Area Office Redelagation Order No. 1, (43 F.R. 30131)."

EXHIBIT "B"



THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE THAT THIS PLAT IS TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE CORRECT AND TO BE MADE A PART OF THIS SERVICE LINE AGREEMENT.

DATE March 5 1993

John P. Ponderosa R/W AGENT
APPLICANT/The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

DATE Feb 8, 1993

Joanette L. Sample, Chairman
OWNER/The Big Sandy Rancheria Authorized Representative

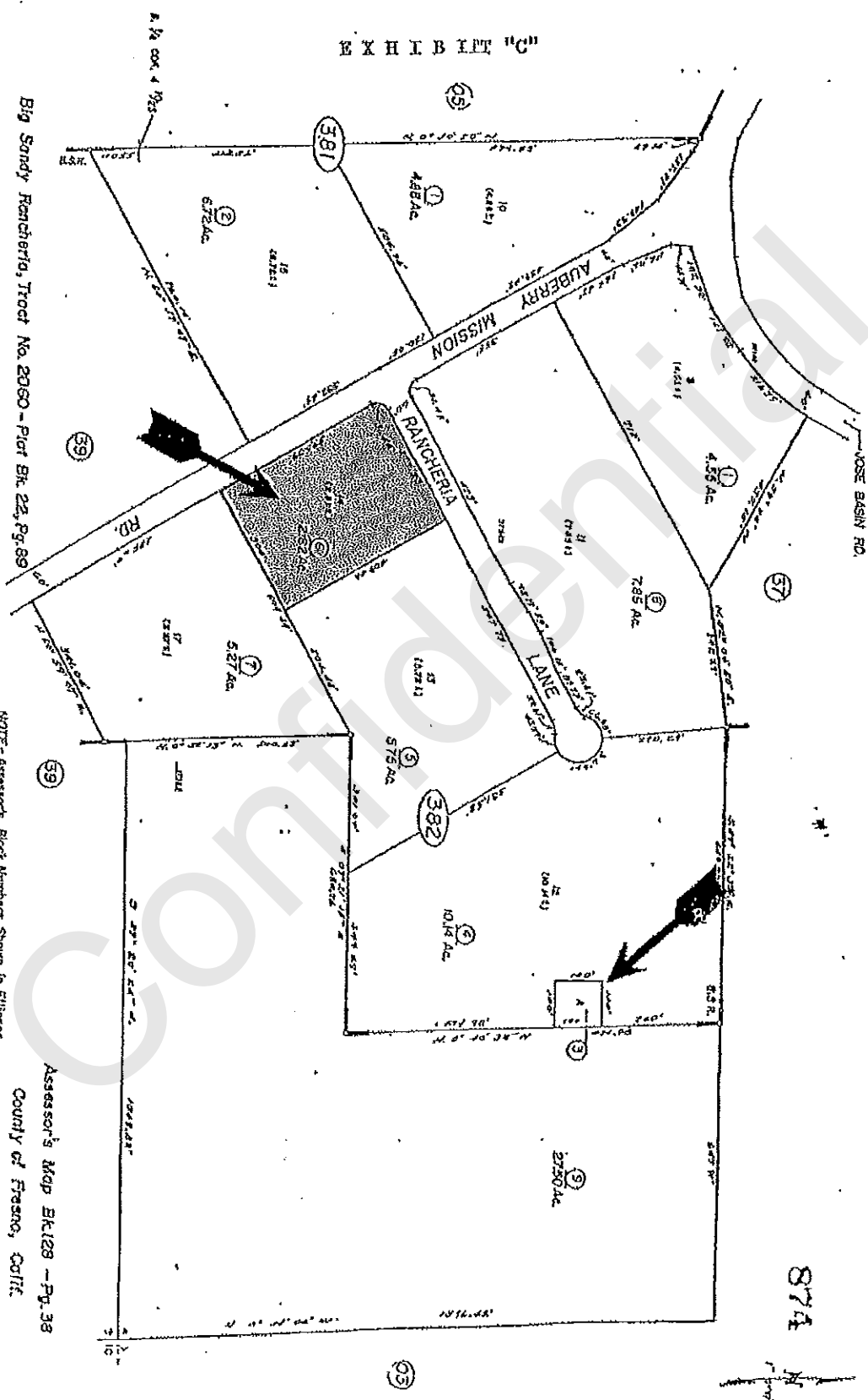
EXHIBIT "C"

SUBDIVIDED LAND IN POR. SEC'S. 4 & 9, T.10S., R.23E. M.D.B. & M.

Tax Roll Area
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Big Sandy Rancheria, Tract No. 2060 - Plat Bk. 22, Pg. 89

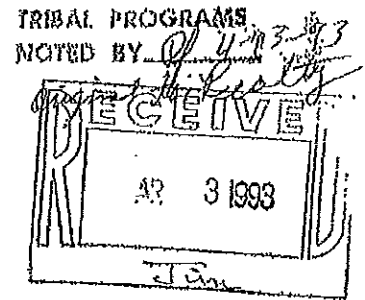
SUBDIVIDED LAND IN POR. SEC'S. 4 & 9, T.10S., R.23E. M.D.B. & M.

NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses.
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.

Assessor's Map Bk. 128 - Pg. 38
County of Fresno, Calif.

Tax Area
B1-002

128-39



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA
P.O. BOX 337
AUBERRY, CA 93602

RESOLUTION
NO. 93 - 02

COPY

WHEREAS:

The Big Sandy Rancheria needs decent and additional telephone lines for the workload of the Tribal Office.

WHEREAS:

The existing telephones lines are not adequate to conduct business for the expanding needs.

NOW AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Big Sandy Rancheria request permission to add to existing lines so that conditions can be implemented to the fullest extent.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

The above matter was discussed at a duly called Tribal Council meeting of the Big Sandy Rancheria at which a quorum was present and held a meeting on 1/30/93. The vote was 4 for, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining.

[Signature]
Tribal Chairperson

[Signature]
Tribal Secretary

January 30, 1993
Date

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TELEPHONE SERVICE LINE.

AND

WAIVER OF DAMAGES
AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, Big Sandy Rancheria

(hereafter "Applicant Grantor") has made an application to The Ponderosa Telephone Company to be supplied with telephone service at certain premises located within the exterior boundaries of Big Sandy Rancheria - Parcel No. 21; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide such telephone service, it is necessary that The Ponderosa Telephone Company construct, operate and maintain a telephone line over and across a certain ~~tract~~ ^{trust properties} ~~agreement~~ in the areas of Parcel No.'s 21, 23, 14, & 5, and receive a grant of right of way necessary or convenient for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, in order that such telephone service may be provided and The Ponderosa Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, may have and possess appropriate rights of way upon and along which to construct, operate, and maintain a telephone line, said Applicant Grantor, in their own behalf must join in this Telephone Line and Waiver of Damages Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT said Applicant Grantor does hereby:

1. Grant unto The Ponderosa Telephone Company, its successors and assigns, subject to the applicable provisions of Title 25 Indians C.F.R., the rights of way which are necessary and/or convenient for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a telephone line, as shown on the map (to be furnished by The Ponderosa Telephone Company).
2. Grant unto The Ponderosa Telephone Company permission to proceed with survey and construction of the said telephone line over and through said lands, including all convenient appliances, attachments,

appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient to be installed together with necessary access thereto.

3. Expressly waive, release and quitclaim forever unto The Ponderosa Telephone Company any right or claim for compensation or damages for or in connection with said rights of way which said Applicant Grantor may have arising from this Telephone Line Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this instrument this 15th day of October, 1990

Thane V. Baty
Applicant Grantor
Thane V. Baty
Tribal Chairman

ACCEPTED:

THE PONDEROSA TELEPHONE CO.:

By [Signature]
Manager, Right of Way and Land
General Manager

Noted:

C. Osino

ACTING Superintendent



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Central California Agency
1800 Tribute Road, Suite 111
Sacramento, California 95815-4314

IN REPLY REFER TO

R/W 374/96

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Mr. Bill Jenkins
Ponderosa Telephone Company
P. O. Box 21
O'Neals, CA 93645

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

We have received your request for a Service Line Agreement on the Big Sandy Rancheria tribal property, which is located in Fresno County.

You have authorization for this Service Line Agreement, which is granted pursuant to 25 CFR 169.22, and Big Sandy Tribal Resolution No. 90-01, dated 10/15/90. The right-of-way number that has been assigned is R/W 374/96.

The maps which were provided have been retained at this office and your firm should provide a copy of the maps to the Big Sandy Rancheria for their files.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Big Sandy Rancheria for their information.

If you have questions concerning this, please feel free to write to me at the above address or you may call Virginia Carpenter, Realty Officer, at (916) 978-4343.

Sincerely,

O. Chins
Acting Superintendent

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Thane V. Baty
Chairman, Big Sandy Rancheria
P. O. Box 337
Auberry, CA 93602

telephone line over and through said lands

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
 Bass Lake Ranger District, Sierra National Forest
 Madera County, California

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
 Ponderosa Telephone
 Minarets Work Center - Arnold Meadow
 Telephone Installation Project

The Forest Service proposes to authorize the Ponderosa Telephone Company (Ponderosa) to provide broad-spectrum radio-telephone service (Cy-link) to the Minarets Work Center (work center), a Forest Service administrative site located on the Bass Lake Ranger District in eastern Madera County. In February 2001, the Forest submitted a service request to Ponderosa to replace the Forest's existing but outdated microwave-based telephone system at the work center. The Forest wants to upgrade the existing telephone system to enable computer and internet-based communications between the work center and other Forest units. Computer-based communications are not possible using the Forest's existing microwave telephone technology. If the telephone system were upgraded Resource, Culture and Fire engine crews stationed seasonally at the work center could access travel, payroll, and other computer programs. With the existing communications system the work center cannot be used for a fire base-camp because Incident Command Teams use computers and internet-based communications for ordering supplies and personnel, running predictive modeling programs, preparing shift plans, etc. If the telephone system was upgraded the Forest would be able to use the work center as a fire base-camp.

If the telephone system upgrade occurs at the work center it would become economically feasible for Ponderosa to provide service to private property owners at the Arnold Meadows subdivision where telephone service is not currently available. Subsequent to the Forest's service request, Ponderosa submitted a Special-Use Permit application, proposing to provide telephone service to both the work center and Arnold Meadow.

The proposed project is located in portions of the N1/2N1/2 Sec. 16; the SE1/4SW1/4 Sec. 9; and the NE1/4NE1/4 Sec. 17, Range 24 East, Township 6 South MDB&M in Madera County. The project would encumber 1.848 miles and 3.37 acres of National Forest System lands. (See attached maps). If authorized, the district would amend Ponderosa's district-wide Special-Use Permit for telephone services.

Forest's Service Request at Minarets Work Center:

The Forest and Ponderosa entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), executed by the Forest Supervisor on November 14, 2001, to enable Ponderosa to place their communications equipment at the work center. Under the MOU, Ponderosa would mount a two or four-foot transmit/receiver dish on the Forest Service's communication tower. In addition, Ponderosa would install Cy-link and telephone switching equipment on racks inside the existing Forest communication vault. According to the MOU the Forest would retire its solar panel array (that is no longer operative). Ponderosa would use the array framing, replace the solar panels and batteries, and would be responsible for the future operations and maintenance of the array. Electrical power would be provided from the array to Ponderosa's communication equipment through existing buried power lines. The Forest would be responsible for providing upgraded communications lines to buildings and offices on the work center compound. No additional trenching would be required because upgraded communications lines would

be treaded through existing buried conduit.

Arnold Meadow Telephone Installation:

As proposed, Ponderosa would install approximately 9,760 lineal feet of direct-buried 50-pair telephone cable from the work center to the Forest Service-Arnold Meadow Subdivision land boundary. All of the cable would be buried to a minimum depth of 30-inches. The majority of the installation would occur along the edge of Forest Development roads. From the communications vault at the work center Ponderosa would bury approximately 400 lineal feet of telephone cable through the compound. Ponderosa would use a vibratory plow to install the cable through an unimproved access road leading from the communications vault to within 10 feet from the work center's asphalt road. Ponderosa would directionally bore where the telephone right-of-way crosses the asphalt road in the compound. The right-of-way would skirt around the north side of the Forest Service gate, and follow Forest Road 4S81 north to where it intersects with Forest Road 6S01, avoiding breaking up the concrete curbing near the intersection of those roads. One 8-inch diameter pine tree would have to be removed near this intersection to avoid the asphalt curbing and allow for the installation. The tree would be felled and left in place, with the slash lopped and scattered to a maximum depth of 18-inches deep. Two small diameter manzanita (less than 2-inches dbh) and 6-10 small diameter trees (less than 6-inches dbh) may need to be removed during the rest of the installation. All slash would be lopped and scattered to a maximum 18-inches depth.

The remainder of the telephone installation would occur along the northern edge of Forest development roads 6S01 and 6S44, terminating at the gated entrance to Arnold Meadow. The alignment would leave the edge of the roadbed to route around five culverts and one down drain. If large rocks were encountered while installing the telephone line, Ponderosa would use a backhoe to remove the rocks from the right-of-way. In addition to the directional bore on the work center compound, Ponderosa would also bore around two culverts located at the intersection of road 6S01 and road 6S30. All bentonite used during the boring process would be contained, and removed from National Forest System lands at the conclusion of the boring.

Ponderosa would be required to meet a 95% compaction standard when backfilling the plow line and/or trenches excavated for the phone line installation. The Forest would require Ponderosa to perform compaction tests periodically throughout and following the telephone line installation to ensure compaction standards were met. Ponderosa would water the roadbeds of Forest Development road 6S01 and 6S44, blade and reshape the road surface, and restore all drainages as directed by the Forest. To prevent erosion, Ponderosa would place the cable in conduit where the cable would be routed around culverts. Ponderosa would apply concrete slurry over the top of the conduit and backfill with soil after the concrete hardens. All concrete materials, wet or dry, would be kept away from open water sources. Ponderosa would be prohibited from cleaning concrete mixing equipment and tools on National Forest System lands without express Forest Service authorization. If the project were authorized, after the first significant rainfall, Ponderosa and the Forest Service would inspect the road to ensure erosion was not occurring. Based on that inspection the Forest may require Ponderosa to blade and reshape the road in advance of winter weather closing off access to Arnold Meadow.

The district Archaeologist and a Native American representative would monitor for cultural resources during the telephone installation in two portions of the project area. Ponderosa would compensate the Native American representative for their time and travel expenses. Should human remains, historic, or

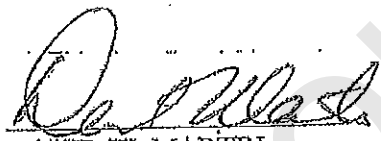
prehistoric artifacts be discovered during installation of the telephone cable, operations would cease immediately. Ponderosa shall leave such discoveries intact until authorized to proceed by the authorized officer.

Internal and external scoping was performed for this project. This project was listed in the Forest Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions, and tribal consultation was undertaken with representatives from the North Fork Mono Rancheria and with other members of the Mono people. One environmental organization, Citizens Against Toxics, expressed interest in the project based upon receipt of the Forest Quarterly Schedule of Proposed Actions. No other public concerns were identified.

The environmental impact of the proposed action is minimal. All practical means to minimize ground disturbance would be taken under the terms of the permit. There are no identified extraordinary circumstances that might cause the proposed action to have significant effects upon the human environment. This analysis has determined there are no archaeological resources; threatened, endangered or special status species; or unique habitat known in the project area.

Based on this information, it is my determination this activity would be of limited size and degree of disturbance. I find the proposed action is categorically excluded from documentation in either an environmental assessment (EA) or an environmental impact statement (EIS). The proposed action fits the category of action identified in Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook, Section 31.2(3), "Approval, modification, or continuation of special uses of National Forest System lands that require less than five contiguous acres of land". This action is consistent with the Sierra National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. This decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.8(a)(4) and implementation may take place immediately.

For further information, contact Karen Nooney, Assistant District Lands Officer, Bass Lake Ranger District, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, California 93643; (559) 877-2218.


DAVID W. MARTIN
District Ranger

3-15-03
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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Ponderosa Telephone Company Minarets Work Center and Arnold Meadow Telephone Installation Project

The Sierra National Forest has authorized the Ponderosa Telephone Company's Minarets Work Center and Arnold Meadow Telephone Installation Project. A Categorical Exclusion fulfilling NEPA requirements is on file at the Bass Lake Ranger District.

Project Description:

The project area includes the installation of Cy-link radio-based telephone equipment at the Minarets Work Center, including the placement of a two or four foot transmit receiver on the Forest Service communications tower, and the installation of radio switching equipment in the Forest's communication vault. This project also includes the installation of approximately 9600 lineal feet of 50-pair, direct buried telephone cable to the Arnold Meadow subdivision. The proposed route follows National Forest Development roads 4S81, 6S01, and 6S44.

The Ponderosa Telephone Company's master Special-Use Permit will be amended to reflect the installation of these facilities and lines.

The Forest Service requires the following operating procedures be incorporated into the project. These operating instructions apply to Ponderosa Telephone and/or their contractor(s).

1. Ponderosa will adhere to the construction plans submitted to, and approved by, the Forest Service for this project. Ponderosa must obtain advance written authorization from the District Ranger or his representative before any changes to the alignment can be made.
2. The Forest will field identify the location of buried utilities before installation of Ponderosa's telephone cable and/or equipment.
3. The district Archaeologist and a Native American representative will monitor for cultural resources during the telephone installation in two portions of the project area. Ponderosa will compensate the Native American representative for their time and travel expenses.
4. If human remains, historic, or prehistoric artifacts are discovered during installation of the telephone cable operations will cease immediately. Ponderosa shall leave such discoveries intact until authorized to proceed by the authorized officer.
5. Ponderosa will directionally bore where the telephone right-of-way crosses the asphalt road in the work center compound. Ponderosa will also bore around two culverts located at the intersection of Forest Road 6S01 and road 6S30. All bentonite used during the boring process will be contained, and removed from National Forest System lands at the conclusion of the boring.

6. To avoid asphalt curbing one 8-inch diameter pine tree will have to be removed near the intersection of roads 4S81 and 6S01. The tree would be felled and left in place, with the slash lopped and scattered to a maximum depth of 18-inches deep. Two small diameter manzanita (less than 2-inches dbh) and 6-10 small diameter trees (less than 6-inches dbh) may need to be removed during the rest of the installation. All slash would be lopped and scattered to a maximum 18-inches depth.
7. Ponderosa is required to meet a 95% compaction standard when backfilling the plow line and/or trenches excavated for the phone line installation. The Forest will require Ponderosa to perform compaction tests periodically throughout and following the telephone line installation to ensure compaction standards were met.
8. Ponderosa will water the roadbeds of Forest road 6S01 and 6S44, blade and reshape the road surface, and restore all drainages as directed by the Forest. After the first significant rainfall, Ponderosa and the Forest Service will inspect the road to ensure erosion is not occurring. Based on that inspection the Forest may require Ponderosa to blade and reshape the road in advance of winter weather closing off access to Arnold Meadow.
9. To prevent erosion, Ponderosa will place the cable in conduit where the cable is routed above culverts. Ponderosa will apply concrete slurry over the top of the conduit and backfill with soil after the concrete hardens. All concrete materials, wet or dry, will be kept away from open water sources. Ponderosa is prohibited from cleaning concrete mixing equipment and tools on National Forest System lands without express Forest Service authorization. Ponderosa will remove all unused and/or excess concrete from National Forest System lands.
10. Ponderosa may be required to spread rice straw on raw soil to prevent erosion.
11. To prevent the spread of noxious weeds Ponderosa will wash all equipment and vehicles used in conjunction with this project before the equipment enters onto National Forest System lands. Equipment must be free of organic material and dirt prior to going cross-country on National Forest System lands.
12. All fueling of equipment will occur away from water sources.
13. Ponderosa will notify the Forest Service of all accidents, spills, or other emergency occurrences immediately.

Site Representatives

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UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to eligible residence customers for Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) a.k.a. California LifeLine Program or LifeLine furnished pursuant to the Moore Universal Telephone Service Act and in accordance with General Order 153. The Utility as listed throughout this Schedule is identified as the California LifeLine Service Provider in GO 153.

TERRITORY

Within the exchange areas, as said areas are defined on maps filed as part of the tariff schedules

RATES AND CHARGES*

(1) California LifeLine Service:

	<u>Rate Per Month</u>	
a. Qualifying Residents:		
1. Individual Flat Rate Access Line	\$20.25	
2. End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge	6.50	
3. Federal Lifeline Credit	(9.25)	
4. California Specific Support Credit	<u>(11.39)</u>	
5. California LifeLine Flat Rate Service	\$6.11	
b. Qualifying Residents of Tribal Lands:		
1. Individual Flat Rate Access Line	\$20.25	
2. End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge	6.50	
3. Federal Lifeline Credit	(9.25)	
4. Federal Enhanced Lifeline Credit	(17.50)	(I)
5. California Specific Support Credit	<u>(0.00)</u>	(R)
6. California Enhanced LifeLine Flat Rate Service	\$0.00	

* The difference between the rates and charges in this schedule and the regular tariffed rates and charges in Cal. P.U.C. Schedule No. A-21 is recovered from the California ULTS Fund or the Federal Lifeline Program and the Federal Link Up Program. Rates include changes required by FCC Order No. 12-11 for both Federal Lifeline and Link Up support for regular low-income consumers and Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up support for low-income consumers residing on "Tribal lands".

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RATES AND CHARGES*(Continued)

(2) Service Connection/Conversion Charges:	<u>Service Charge*</u>	(T)
a. Each New Service Order for Initial Install:		
1. New Service Order Charge	\$20.00	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	21.50	
	41.50	
3. Federal Link Up Credit	.00	(R)
4. California LifeLine Credit	(31.50)	(I)
5. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	
b. Each New Service Order for Initial Install that require a premises visit to O'Neals, North Fork, or Friant Exchanges:		
1. New Service Order Charge	\$20.00	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	21.50	
3. Premises Visit Charge	42.00	
	83.50	
4. Federal Link Up Credit	.00	(R)
5. California LifeLine Credit	(73.50)	(I)
6. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	
c. Each New Service Order for Initial Install that require a premises visit to Big Creek, Auberry, Shaver Lake, and Wishon Cima Exchanges:		
1. New Service Order Charge	\$20.00	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	21.50	
3. Premises Visit Charge	58.75	
	100.25	
4. Federal Link Up Credit	.00	(R)
5. California LifeLine Credit	(90.25)	(I)
6. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	

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RATES AND CHARGES*(Continued)

(2) Service Connection/Conversion Charges:

Service Charge*

d. Each Subsequent New Service Order:

1. New Service Order Charge	\$20.00	
2. Central Office Connection Work Charge	<u>21.50</u>	
	41.50	
3. California LifeLine Credit	<u>(31.50)</u>	(T)
4. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	

e. Each Non-Payment Reconnect Charge:

(see Charges (2)b for charges after 15 days of disconnect)

1. Restoral Charge	\$21.50	
2. California LifeLine Credit	<u>(11.50)</u>	(T)
3. California LifeLine Service Connection Charge	\$10.00	

f. Each change to convert to ULTS:

1. Change Charge	\$10.00	
2. California LifeLine Credit	<u>0.00</u>	
3. California LifeLine Service Conversion Charge	\$10.00	

g. Expanded Link Up (Tribal Lands)

(see Special Conditions 2)

Link Up Initial Install and Line Extension

1. Credits up to:	\$100.00	
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RATES AND CHARGES*(Continued)

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Service Charge*

(3) End User Common Line (EUCL) Charge:

See RATES AND CHARGES
(1) a. and b.

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(4) Surcharges

No Charge

ULTS Rates (1) and (2) are exempt from
California High Cost Fund A (CHCF-A) Surcharge,
California High Cost Fund B (CHCF-B) Surcharge,
California Advanced Services Fund (CASF)
Surcharge, California Teleconnect Fund (CTF)
Surcharge, California Relay Service
Communications Device Fund (DDTP) Surcharge,
the California LifeLine (ULTS) Surcharge, and the
CPUC User Fee

(5) Toll Blocking (also known as Toll Restriction)

No Charge

(6) Deposits (See Special Conditions 8.)

- a. A ULTS customer will not be required to post a deposit to establish or re-establish ULTS basic service.
- b. A deposit may be required to maintain basic service if the Utility discovers the customer no longer qualifies for ULTS.
- c. A deposit may be required for non-basic service(s).
- d. If it is determined that false information has been provided, correct information plus a deposit for non-basic service(s) will be required.

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UNIVERSAL LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE
(California LifeLine Service)

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS

- a. The residence at which the service is requested is the subscriber's principal place of residence. (T)
An applicant for ULTS may report only one address in this state as his/her principal place of residence (N)
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A residence as defined in General Order 153, is that portion of an individual house, building, flat or apartment (a dwelling unit) occupied entirely by a single family or individual functioning as one domestic establishment. A room or portion of a dwelling unit occupied exclusively by an individual not sharing equally as a member of the domestic establishment may be considered a separate residence for the application of ULTS.

- b. The subscriber and the members of the subscriber's household collectively have one, and only one, ULTS line, except as provided for elsewhere in this schedule. (T)

- c. Residential customers may qualify for ULTS by meeting either the Income-Based Criteria or the Program-Based Criteria.

- d. Income-Based Criteria:

Based on current income, the applicant's total household income (defined in Rule 1 Definitions) does not exceed the income levels based on household size for the fiscal year for which the service is furnished. (T)

For the current Household Income Limitations, refer to the Pacific Bell Telephone Company's (d.b.a. AT&T California) Schedule Cal. P.U.C. No. A5, Universal LifeLine Telephone Service for the Income-Based Criterion. Acceptable income documents are defined in the General Order 153.

Borrowed money shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program. Funds transferred from one account to another such as from a savings account to a checking account, shall not be considered as income when determining eligibility for the ULTS program, even if such funds are used for living expenses.

- e. No customer who is claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return shall be eligible for ULTS. (T)

- f. For self-employed members, the "income from self-employment" shown on IRS Form 1040, Schedule C, line 29 shall be used to determine eligibility for ULTS. (T)

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS: - (Continued)

g. Program-Based Criteria are defined in General Order 153

Program-based criterion allows an applicant to enroll in ULTS based on participation by the applicant or a member of the applicant's household in a means-tested programs approved by the Commission. Approved means-test programs are: (T)

- (1) Medicaid or Medi-Cal,
- (2) Supplemental Security Income (SSI),
- (3) CalFresh Program formerly called Food Stamps,
- (4) Healthy Families Category A,
- (5) Tribal TANF,
- (6) Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC),
- (7) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP),
- (8) Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8,
- (9) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), also known in California as:
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWorks)
Stanislaus Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (StanWorks)
Welfare-to-Work (WTW)
Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) (T)
- (10) National School Lunch Program (NSLP), (T)
- (11) Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance,
- (12) Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only).

h. A subscriber shall be eligible to receive two ULTS lines if: (i) the subscriber meets all ULTS eligibility criteria set forth above; (ii) a member of the subscriber's household is a disabled member and has immediate and continuous access within the household to a TTY; and (iii) the TTY is issued by DDTP or a medical certificate indicating the household member's need for a TTY is submitted. (T)

i. All ULTS rules and regulations that apply to the one ULTS line shall apply equally to the second ULTS line provided to a subscriber. (T)

j. Customers that verbally certify they meet the ULTS income limits and have proof of income or participate in an approved public program will receive an Application Form in the mail from the California LifeLine Administrator for completion and submission prior to being enrolled in the ULTS program. (T)

k. The completed Application Form and supporting documents, if any, must be received by the California LifeLine Administrator on or before the deadline date specified in the Application Form. (T)

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

1. Eligibility Criteria for Obtaining and Retaining ULTS :- (Continued)

I. Enrollment Process:

- (a) The Utility shall send a confirmation notice to all California LifeLine applicants informing them of the arrival of Application Forms from the California LifeLine Administrator and the requirement to return the completed form with all required documentation. The notice shall also inform them that failure to return all the required documentation by the deadline date will result in denial of LifeLine service.
- (b) Customers will incur regular tariff rates and charges until the approval of their California LifeLine Application Form process is completed.
- (c) Customers will be converted to LifeLine service upon the Utility receiving confirmation of the customer's eligibility from the California LifeLine Administrator.
- (d) Customers will receive a credit on their bill for the LifeLine discounts retroactive to their application date which will appear on their next bill. The customer may request a refund check for a net credit if the amount is over \$10.00.
- m. The Utility shall not knowingly enroll an applicant into the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria and the Utility shall not knowingly allow a subscriber to remain in the ULTS program who does not meet the ULTS eligibility criteria.
- n. The Utility shall not link the availability of discounted phone service under the ULTS program with the sale of non-ULTS services.
- o. The Utility must inform the applicant that he or she may opt to receive the instructions for completing the certification form in Braille (English Only) or instructions and the form in large print.
- p. A subscriber changing his/her Utility shall not be required to undergo the Application Process, provided that the subscriber initiates California LifeLine service with his/her new Utility within 30 days of disconnecting California LifeLine service with the previous Utility and the subscriber maintains eligibility in all other respects. If a subscriber changes his or her principal place of residence, while maintaining eligibility in all other respects, the subscriber shall not be required to go through the Application Process again.
- q. Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.410(d), an applicant applying for discounts from the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (California LifeLine) program must provide his or her date of birth and the last four digits of his or her SSN on the Application Form provided by the California LifeLine Administrator.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS - Continued

2. Federal Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up Benefits and Qualification Requirements for Low-income Consumers Living on Tribal Lands. (T)
- a. Description
- The following Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up program benefits and qualification standards apply to all low-income residence subscribers residing on "Tribal lands" as the same are from time to time defined by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs.. (C)
- b. Qualifications
- In addition to the qualification standards set out in Section 1 preceding for Enhanced Lifeline and Expanded Link Up program participants, residents on "Tribal lands" may qualify for these programs if they participate in any one of the following federal assistance programs: Bureau of Indian Affairs general assistance; Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for needy families; Head Start (only those meeting it's income qualifying standard); or National School Lunch Program's free lunch program. Those who qualify under the provisions of this paragraph must provide written certification of such qualification under penalty of perjury and must further agree to notify the Company if the customer ceases to participate in the program or programs. (C)
- c. Lifeline and Link Up Benefits
- Additional federal Enhanced Lifeline support will be provided to reduce the qualifying customer's basic monthly service rate to \$0.00 per month, inclusive of the federal End-User Common Line charge. (C)
- A 100% reduction of up to \$100.00 is available to cover the customary charges for commencing telecommunications service at the principal place of residence of the eligible residential customer, provided that the place of residence is located on "Tribal lands," as the same are from time to time defined by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This reduction can be applied to both the extension and service connection charges.. (C)

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3. Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) is available to eligible customers subscribing to flat rate individual line service.
4. ULTS includes all the service elements defined in Rule No. 1 for Basic Service.
5. ULTS is restricted to residence local exchange service including all applicable extended area service. Foreign Exchange Services are excluded from this offering.
6. Discounted Non-recurring Charges

a. Service Connection Charge

- (1) The ULTS connection charge is applicable to each eligible household residing at the same principal place of residence. (T)

- (2) The ULTS connection charge may be applicable any time a subscriber (T)

- (a) establishes ULTS,
- (b) re-establishes ULTS at the same residence at which ULTS was previously provided, regardless of reason for disconnect,
- (c) establishes ULTS at a new residence, or
- (d) switches ULTS from one utility to another.

- (3) Utilities may not impose a "central office charge" in addition to the ULTS connection charge when installing ULTS or activating California LifeLine. (T)

- (4) Installation of a second and subsequent telephone service connections shall be subject to the Utility's regular tariffed rates for these connections, except that subscribers with a disabled household member may qualify for ULTS connection charges on two residential telephone connections. (T)

b. Service Change/Conversion Charge

The ULTS change/conversion charge is applicable each time a ULTS subscriber requests a change in the class (business or residential to ULTS), type (this means measured to flat rate service or vice versa, which is not applicable in our territory), or grade of service (this means going from one to two party service or vice versa, which is not applicable in our territory), including requests to change from Foreign Exchange Service. There is no limit on the number of times a ULTS subscriber may pay the ULTS conversion charge to change the class, type, or grade of service. This discounted charge excludes adding services not covered under the ULTS program. No conversion charge is assessed if a LifeLine applicant fails to qualify or if a LifeLine subscriber is removed from the LifeLine program (either voluntarily or involuntarily). (T)

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7. Eligible subscribers of this service may arrange a deferred schedule of up to twelve months to pay the Utility for the reduced service connection charges without interest. The Utility may charge a late-payment fee when Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) subscribers fail to timely remit some or all of the ULTS connection charge under a deferred-payment schedule. (T)
8. Deposits for establishment of service from applicants for new service, as outlined in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 7, will be waived for eligible recipients to ULTS. The Utility may require a ULTS customer to pay any overdue ULTS rates and charges, or make payment arrangements, before ULTS is reinstated at the same address or at a new address. The Utility may apply toll restriction to a ULTS customer's line when toll charges are not paid and optional services may be discontinued. (T)
9. ULTS shall be subject to the conditions set forth in Cal. P.U.C. Rule No. 11, Discontinuance and Restoration of Service. Unless the customer directs otherwise, a partial payment will be applied towards the local service non-recurring and recurring charges, and federal taxes first, and the remaining amounts will be applied to toll service and other services at the Utility's discretion. (T)
10. New applicants for telephone service will be advised of the availability of ULTS. Applicants who wish to re-establish ULTS service after removal from the program will be treated as a new applicant, subject to the Application Process and General Order 153 rules, and a Service Conversion Charge as shown in RATES above (once the applicant has successfully re-established ULTS service). The ULTS discount will be effective on the Application Date, and not be applied retroactively to the date of prior enrollment period. (T)
- ULTS subscribers must notify the Utility of any change that causes the ULTS customer to no longer qualify for (1) ULTS, or (2) a second ULTS line. Upon receipt of notification, the Utility will change ULTS to regular tariffed rates and charges for the services furnished. No service conversion charges shall be billed to the customer for this change in service. The regular tariffed rates will be billed retroactively to the date the ULTS service no longer applied. The three-month limitation to back-bill, as set forth in Rule No. 9, is not applicable to the recurring and nonrecurring charges. If reduced service connection charges were applied, the difference between reduced charges and regular tariffed charges will be billed to the applicant. (T)
11. The California LifeLine Administrator will qualify new ULTS customers and verify the continued eligibility of existing ULTS customers. (T)

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12. Toll-free access is available to customer service representatives fluent in the same language in which the Universal LifeLine Telephone Service (ULTS) was originally sold.
13. Each ULTS customer is subject to the annual renewal process. (T)
14. The Utility will annually mail a notification of availability of Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) to all its residential customers. (T)
15. In addition to the rates and conditions specified herein, all rules, regulations, charges, and rates in conjunction with the services furnished elsewhere in the tariffs are also applicable to the service provided under this schedule.
16. Optional services and equipment are not included in ULTS rates, but will be provided to ULTS customers at applicable tariffed rates and charges.
17. ULTS rates shall be applied to each monthly statement for the months this service is furnished and shall apply only for the duration of this service.

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18. Definitions covered under the California LifeLine Program and words used throughout this Schedule are defined in GO153. (N)
19. Each ULTS customer shall be eligible for one or two ULTS lines as set forth in General Order 153, and ULTS customers may subscribe to additional non-ULTS lines. Non-ULTS lines will be available to ULTS customers at the applicable regular tariffed rates and charges. (N)

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DEFINITIONS
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Basic Service: Includes the following 23 service elements; 18 of which are defined in D.96-10-066, Appendix B page 5. Service element 19 was added in accordance with Resolution T-16546. Service elements 20 through 23 were added in accordance with D.05-12-013, Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) aka (California LifeLine Service).

1. access to single party local exchange service;
2. access to all interexchange carriers offering service to customers in a local exchange;
3. ability to place calls;
4. ability to receive free unlimited incoming calls;
5. free touch-calling dialing;
6. free and unlimited access to 9-1-1/E9-1-1;
7. access to local directory assistance (DA);
8. access to foreign Numbering Plan Areas (NPAs);
9. ULTS rates and charges for eligible customers;
10. customer choice of flat or measured rate service (if measured service is offered);
11. free provision of one directory listing per year as provided for in D.96-02-072;
12. free white pages telephone directory;
13. access to operator services;
14. voice grade connection to the public switched telephone network;
15. free access to 800 or 800-like toll free services;
16. one-time free blocking for information services and one time billing adjustments for charges incurred inadvertently, mistakenly, or that were unauthorized;
17. access to telephone relay service as provided for in PU Code §2881;
18. Toll-free access to customer service for information about ULTS, service activation, service termination, service repair and bill inquiries;
19. free access to California Relay Service (CRS) via 7-1-1 abbreviated dialing code;
20. Toll-free access to customer service representatives fluent in the same language (English and in non-English) in which ULTS was originally sold;
21. Free access for ULTS customers to toll-blocking service;
22. Free access for ULTS customers to toll-control service, but only if (i) the utility is capable of offering toll-control service, and (ii) the ULTS customer has no unpaid bill for toll service;
23. Access to two residential telephone lines if a low-income household with a disabled person requires both lines to access ULTS.

Battery Power:

BETRS: Basic Exchange Telephone Radio Service is a system whereby local exchange service is provided to the customer via radio channel rather than by cable facilities. The BETRS system consists of central office Digital Radio Carrier Station equipment, and Subscriber Units.

BETRS Digital Radio Carrier Station: A digital radio carrier station that may be located in the Central Office or at a remote site. The Digital Radio Carrier Station provides the interface between The central office equipment and the Subscriber Unit.

BETRS Subscriber Unit: Station equipment located at a customer's premises to provide a link between the Digital Radio Carrier Station and the customer's point of connection. The unit consists of an antenna, a radio transceiver, and a power converter with standby batteries.

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Form 481, Section 1200 Lifeline Terms and Conditions

Sub-Section 1221 - 1223 Lifeline customers MOU and additional toll charges

Lifeline customers receive the same residential service as a regular customer, but at a reduced monthly recurring rate. Thus, lifeline customers have an unlimited number of local calling minutes. As for toll, lifeline customers, similar to every Ponderosa Telephone Co. customer, are free to choose their own toll usage plans through IXC's that serve Ponderosa Telephone Co.



PonderosaTelephone

July 1, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, MD 20743

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 10-90 & 11-42 Annual Report, Form 481 for High-Cost and Low Income Recipient, 54.313(f)(1) "Milestone Certification"

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In compliance with the filing requirements associated with, and attached to Form 481, we wish to advise the Commission that The Ponderosa Telephone Co., 542332:

- Has taken reasonable steps to provide upon reasonable request broadband service at actual speeds of 10 Mbps downstream/1 Mbps upstream;
- Provides latency suitable for real-time applications including VoIP and usage capacity which is reasonably comparable to those in urban areas;
- That reasonable requests for service are met within a reasonable timeframe.

Please contact Dan Douglas with any questions. He can be reached at:

Phone: 559-868-6395

Email: dand@ponderosatel.com

Sincerely,

Matthew J. Boos
General Manager

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The Ponderosa Telephone Co. 542332

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COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION"

Form 481, Section 3012b Community Anchor Institutions

Name

Address

Ponderosa continues to monitor customer demand and technological innovation, planning to size its network in anticipation of requests for higher speed broadband services.

LINE 3012b REDACTED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

USDA-RUS OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS	<i>This data will be used by RUS to review your financial situation. Your response is required by 7 U.S.C. 901 et seq. and, subject to federal laws and regulations regarding confidential information, will be treated as confidential.</i> BORROWER NAME The Ponderosa Telephone Co.	
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INSTRUCTIONS Submit report to RUS within 30 days after close of the period. For detailed instructions, see RUS Bulletin 1744-2. Report in whole dollars only.	PERIOD ENDING December, 2015	BORROWER DESIGNATION CA0526
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CERTIFICATION We hereby certify that the entries in this report are in accordance with the accounts and other records of the system and reflect the status of the system to the best of our knowledge and belief. ALL INSURANCE REQUIRED BY 7 CFR PART 1788, CHAPTER XVII, RUS, WAS IN FORCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND RENEWALS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FOR ALL POLICIES. DURING THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT PURSUANT TO PART 1788 OF 7CFR CHAPTER XVII <i>(Check one of the following)</i> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> All of the obligations under the RUS loan documents have been fulfilled in all material respects. </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> There has been a default in the fulfillment of the obligations under the RUS loan documents. Said default(s) is/are specifically described in the Telecom Operating Report </div> </div>		
DATE		

PART A. BALANCE SHEET					
ASSETS	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD	LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	BALANCE PRIOR YEAR	BALANCE END OF PERIOD
CURRENT ASSETS			CURRENT LIABILITIES		
1. Cash and Equivalents	25,263,492	26,166,386	25. Accounts Payable	3,440,980	2,826,334
2. Cash-RUS Construction Fund	2,828,170	1,706,328	26. Notes Payable		
3. Affiliates:			27. Advance Billings and Payments	221,923	213,678
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable			28. Customer Deposits	19,854	18,125
b. Other Accounts Receivable	2,565,948	537,966	29. Current Mat. L/T Debt	2,503,701	2,004,522
c. Notes Receivable			30. Current Mat. L/T Debt-Rur. Dev.		
4. Non-Affiliates:			31. Current Mat.-Capital Leases		
a. Telecom, Accounts Receivable	656,178	637,280	32. Income Taxes Accrued	3,196,473	(111,294)
b. Other Accounts Receivable	2,188,077	2,697,423	33. Other Taxes Accrued		
c. Notes Receivable	14,510	13,268	34. Other Current Liabilities	585,521	369,836
5. Interest and Dividends Receivable			35. Total Current Liabilities (25 thru 34)	9,968,452	5,321,201
6. Material-Regulated	344,709	277,115	LONG-TERM DEBT		
7. Material-Nonregulated			36. Funded Debt-RUS Notes	19,431,289	17,426,600
8. Prepayments	2,392,866	1,773,039	37. Funded Debt-RTB Notes		
9. Other Current Assets			38. Funded Debt-FFB Notes		
10. Total Current Assets (1 Thru 9)	36,253,950	33,808,805	39. Funded Debt-Other		
NONCURRENT ASSETS			40. Funded Debt-Rural Develop. Loan		
11. Investment in Affiliated Companies			41. Premium (Discount) on L/T Debt		
a. Rural Development			42. Recquired Debt		
b. Nonrural Development			43. Obligations Under Capital Lease		
12. Other Investments			44. Adv. From Affiliated Companies		
a. Rural Development			45. Other Long-Term Debt		
b. Nonrural Development	3,774,643	4,430,097	46. Total Long-Term Debt (36 thru 45)	19,431,289	17,426,600
13. Nonregulated Investments	166,400	166,400	OTHER LIAB. & DEF. CREDITS		
14. Other Noncurrent Assets			47. Other Long-Term Liabilities		
15. Deferred Charges	1,303,383	41,671	48. Other Deferred Credits	(3,704,772)	(3,265,102)
16. Jurisdictional Differences			49. Other Jurisdictional Differences		
17. Total Noncurrent Assets (11 thru 16)	5,244,426	4,638,168	50. Total Other Liabilities and Deferred Credits (47 thru 49)	(3,704,772)	(3,265,102)
PLANT, PROPERTY, AND EQUIPMENT			EQUITY		
18. Telecom, Plant-in-Service	122,656,950	127,318,959	51. Cap. Stock Outstand. & Subscribed	853,780	853,780
19. Property Held for Future Use			52. Additional Paid-in-Capital		
20. Plant Under Construction	5,528,440	2,050,848	53. Treasury Stock		
21. Plant Adj., Nonop. Plant & Goodwill	80,777	80,777	54. Membership and Cap. Certificates		
22. Less Accumulated Depreciation	105,208,697	108,693,316	55. Other Capital		
23. Net Plant (18 thru 21 less 22)	23,057,470	20,757,268	56. Patronage Capital Credits		
24. TOTAL ASSETS (10+17+23)			57. Retained Earnings or Margins	38,007,097	38,867,762
			58. Total Equity (51 thru 57)	38,860,877	39,721,542
			59. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY (35+46+50+58)	64,555,846	59,204,241
	64,555,846	59,204,241			

Total Equity = 67.09 % of Total Assets

USDA-RUS		BORROWER DESIGNATION	
OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS		CA0526	
		PERIOD ENDING	
INSTRUCTIONS- See RUS Bulletin 1744-2		December, 2015	
PART B. STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS OR MARGINS			
ITEM		PRIOR YEAR	THIS YEAR
1. Local Network Services Revenues		7,092,101	6,209,681
2. Network Access Services Revenues		15,405,231	14,594,522
3. Long Distance Network Services Revenues			
4. Carrier Billing and Collection Revenues		133,601	85,149
5. Miscellaneous Revenues		433,560	436,610
6. Uncollectible Revenues		1,011	(2,368)
7. Net Operating Revenues (1 thru 5 less 6)		23,063,482	21,328,330
8. Plant Specific Operations Expense		3,798,124	3,811,523
9. Plant Nonspecific Operations Expense (Excluding Depreciation & Amortization)		1,913,225	1,946,736
10. Depreciation Expense		7,289,235	5,149,534
11. Amortization Expense			
12. Customer Operations Expense		1,139,341	1,083,162
13. Corporate Operations Expense		2,654,887	2,446,250
14. Total Operating Expenses (8 thru 13)		16,794,812	14,437,205
15. Operating Income or Margins (7 less 14)		6,268,670	6,891,125
16. Other Operating Income and Expenses			
17. State and Local Taxes		490,066	555,904
18. Federal Income Taxes		1,783,279	1,945,225
19. Other Taxes		414,846	388,745
20. Total Operating Taxes (17+18+19)		2,688,191	2,889,874
21. Net Operating Income or Margins (15+16-20)		3,580,479	4,001,251
22. Interest on Funded Debt		734,705	610,916
23. Interest Expense - Capital Leases			
24. Other Interest Expense		1,948	(510)
25. Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		22,450	29,650
26. Total Fixed Charges (22+23+24-25)		714,203	580,756
27. Nonoperating Net Income		1,170,968	917,069
28. Extraordinary Items			
29. Jurisdictional Differences			
30. Nonregulated Net Income		(149,073)	(81,344)
31. Total Net Income or Margins (21+27+28+29+30-26)		3,888,171	4,256,220
32. Total Taxes Based on Income		2,726,414	2,769,344
33. Retained Earnings or Margins Beginning-of-Year		36,362,254	38,007,097
34. Miscellaneous Credits Year-to-Date			
35. Dividends Declared (Common)		1,500,000	2,500,000
36. Dividends Declared (Preferred)		47,563	47,563
37. Other Debits Year-to-Date		695,765	847,992
38. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
39. Retained Earnings or Margins End-of-Period [(31+33+34) - (35+36+37+38)]		38,007,097	38,867,762
40. Patronage Capital Beginning-of-Year			
41. Transfers to Patronage Capital			
42. Patronage Capital Credits Retired			
43. Patronage Capital End-of-Year (40+41-42)		0	0
44. Annual Debt Service Payments		3,758,756	2,503,868
45. Cash Ratio [(14+20-10-11) / 7]		0.5287	0.5710
46. Operating Accrual Ratio [(14+20+26) / 7]		0.8757	0.8396
47. TIER [(31+26) / 26]		6.4441	8.3288
48. DSCR [(31+26+10+11) / 44]		3.1637	3.9884

USDA-RUS		BORROWER DESIGNATION CA0526	
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		INSTRUCTIONS – See help in the online application.	
PART I – STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS			
1.	Beginning Cash (Cash and Equivalents plus RUS Construction Fund)	28,091,662	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
2.	Net Income	4,256,220	
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities			
3.	Add: Depreciation	5,149,534	
4.	Add: Amortization	0	
5.	Other (Explain)		
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities			
6.	Decrease/(Increase) in Accounts Receivable	1,537,534	
7.	Decrease/(Increase) in Materials and Inventory	67,594	
8.	Decrease/(Increase) in Prepayments and Deferred Charges	1,881,539	
9.	Decrease/(Increase) in Other Current Assets	0	
10.	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(614,646)	
11.	Increase/(Decrease) in Advance Billings & Payments	(8,245)	
12.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	(3,523,452)	
13.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Operations	8,746,078	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
14.	Decrease/(Increase) in Notes Receivable	1,242	
15.	Increase/(Decrease) in Notes Payable	0	
16.	Increase/(Decrease) in Customer Deposits	(1,729)	
17.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Long Term Debt (Including Current Maturities)	(2,503,868)	
18.	Increase/(Decrease) in Other Liabilities & Deferred Credits	439,670	
19.	Increase/(Decrease) in Capital Stock, Paid-in Capital, Membership and Capital Certificates & Other Capital	0	
20.	Less: Payment of Dividends	(2,547,563)	
21.	Less: Patronage Capital Credits Retired	0	
22.	Other (Explain)		
23.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Financing Activities	(4,612,248)	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
24.	Net Capital Expenditures (Property, Plant & Equipment)	(1,184,417)	
25.	Other Long-Term Investments	(655,454)	
26.	Other Noncurrent Assets & Jurisdictional Differences	0	
27.	Other (Explain) Non Cash items including Deferred Income Taxes	(2,512,907)	
28.	Net Cash Provided/(Used) by Investing Activities	(4,352,778)	
29.	Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(218,948)	
30.	Ending Cash	27,872,714	

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<p>INSTRUCTIONS - See RUS Bulletin 1744-2</p>	<p>PERIOD ENDED</p> <p align="center">December, 2015</p>
<p align="center">NOTES TO THE OPERATING REPORT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS BORROWERS</p>	

**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**FCC Form 481
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
July 2013

<010>	Study Area Code	542332
<015>	Study Area Name	THE PONDEROSA TEL CO
<020>	Program Year	2017
<030>	Contact Name: Person USAC should contact with questions about this data	Dan Douglas
<035>	Contact Telephone Number: Number of the person identified in data line <030>	5598686395 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatel.com
Form Type		54.313 and 54.422

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819

July 2013

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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand3ponderosat1.com

<110> Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111> If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, please file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

- <112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

542332ca112.pdf, 542332ca113.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

- <113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
- <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
- <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
- <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
- <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
- <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5598686195 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatel.com

<210> For the prior calendar year, were there any reportable voice service outages?

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(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
Data Collection Form

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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dandzponderosatel.com
<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">6</div>
<310> Detail on attempts (voice)	542332ca310.pdf
	Name of Attached Document
<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 15px; margin: 0 auto; text-align: center;">2</div>
	542332ca320.pdf
<330> Detail on attempts (broadband)	
	Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatel.com
<400>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed voice
<410>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice	0.13
<420>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice	
<430>	Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize.	Offered only fixed broadband
<440>	Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband	0.0
<450>	Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband	

(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules		FCC Form 481
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<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Dan Douglass	
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	559666395 ext.	
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatel.com	
<500> Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes	
		542332cca510 . pdf
<510> Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance		

(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<020>	Program Year	2017
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	559866395 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand3pondexosatel.com
<600>	Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610>	Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	542332ca610.pdf

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	559866395 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dandiponderosatel.com
<810>	Reporting Carrier	The Ponderosa Telephone Co.
<811>	Holding Company	Ponderosa Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting Data Collection Form		FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dandisponderosatel.com

<900> Does the filling entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N)

Yes

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Table Mountain Rancheria of California,
Cold Spring Rancheria of Mono Indians,
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California,
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

542332ca920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) Includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification

Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form**

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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5598666395 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand2ponderosatel.com

<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatel.com

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

542332ca1210.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.goponderosa/regulatory.html>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation Data Collection Form <i>Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers</i>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<030> Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	Don Douglas
<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5598866395 ext.
<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand3ponderosatel.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2010> 2nd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2011> 3rd Year Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 1 2016 certification, this applies to Round 1 recipients of Incremental Support	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2022> Recipient certifies, representing year two after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2023> The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2024A> Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 200px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
<2024B> Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year two - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input style="width: 200px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
<2025A> Round 1 or Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>	
<2025B> Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 1 for year three and Round 2 for year two) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information	<input style="width: 200px; height: 40px;" type="text"/>
<2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		<input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

<2017B> Attach information for Phase II - 54.313(e)(1) - list of geocoded locations already meeting the 54.309 public interest obligations at the end of calendar year 2015 and total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price

Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information<2018> cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2015.
Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(2)(ii)Name of Attached Document Listing
Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(2)(v)

<2020> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 40% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2017 - 54.313(e)(3)

<2021> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 60% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2018 - 54.313(e)(4)

<2026> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 80% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2019 - 54.313(e)(5)

<2027> Recipient certifies that it offered broadband meeting the requisite public interest obligations specified in §54.309 to 100% of its supported locations in the state on December 31, 2020 - 54.313(e)(6)

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Complete the items below to note compliance with five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

(3009)	Progress Report on 5 Year Plan Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)	
(3010A)	Milestone Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}	Yes - Attach Certification
(3010B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3012A)	Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii)}	Yes - Attach New Community Anchors
(3012B)	Please Provide Attachment	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3013)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)}	<input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
(3014)	If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	(Yes/No) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:	
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports {Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3016)	Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?	(Yes/No) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3021)	Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3023)	Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3024)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3025)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)		FCC Form 481
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<039> Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dandiponderosatel.com

Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue	21328330
(3028) Operating Expenses	14437205
(3029) Net Income	4256220
(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)	127318959
(3031) Total Assets	59204241
(3032) Total Debt	17426600
(3033) Total Equity	39721542
(3034) Dividends	2547563

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand3ponderosatel.com

4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission's public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area.

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information _____

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: THE PONDEROSA TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 07/01/2016
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Kristann Nattes	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: President	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 5598686346 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 542332	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2016
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: ext. _____	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: ext. _____	
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Attachments

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5598662195 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand@fondrosotel.com

<701>	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	1/1/2016
<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

<703>

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings
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<711>	<a1>	<a2>	<b1>	<b2>	<c>	<d1>	<d2>	<d3>	<d4>
	State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service - Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
	CA	Auberry	49.95	0.0	49.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Priant	49.95	0.0	49.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	North Fork	49.95	0.0	49.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	O'Neals	49.95	0.0	49.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Shaver	49.95	0.0	49.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Wishon	49.95	0.0	49.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Big Creek	46.95	0.0	46.95	6.0	0.768	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Auberry	60.95	0.0	60.95	6.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Priant	60.95	0.0	60.95	6.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	North Fork	60.95	0.0	60.95	6.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	O'Neals	60.95	0.0	60.95	6.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Shaver	60.95	0.0	60.95	6.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Wishon	60.95	0.0	60.95	6.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Big Creek	57.95	0.0	57.95	6.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Auberry	65.95	0.0	65.95	12.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Priant	65.95	0.0	65.95	12.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	North Fork	65.95	0.0	65.95	12.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	O'Neals	65.95	0.0	65.95	12.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Shaver	65.95	0.0	65.95	12.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Wishon	65.95	0.0	65.95	12.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
	CA	Big Creek	62.95	0.0	62.95	12.0	1.5	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken

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<020> Program Year 2017
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CA	Auberry	72.95	0.0	72.95	15.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Friant	72.95	0.0	72.95	15.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	North Fork	72.95	0.0	72.95	15.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
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CA	Shaver	72.95	0.0	72.95	15.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Wishon	72.95	0.0	72.95	15.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Big Creek	69.95	0.0	69.95	15.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Auberry	77.95	0.0	77.95	18.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Friant	77.95	0.0	77.95	18.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	North Fork	77.95	0.0	77.95	18.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	O'Neals	77.95	0.0	77.95	18.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Shaver	77.95	0.0	77.95	18.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Wishon	77.95	0.0	77.95	18.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Big Creek	74.95	0.0	74.95	18.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Auberry	87.95	0.0	87.95	25.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Friant	87.95	0.0	87.95	25.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	North Fork	87.95	0.0	87.95	25.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	O'Neals	87.95	0.0	87.95	25.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Shaver	87.95	0.0	87.95	25.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
CA	Wishon	87.95	0.0	87.95	25.0	3.0	999999.0	Other, No Action Taken
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